

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. [redacted] the class of 1926, received [redacted] induction notice by mail in [redacted] Zabrze (Hindenburg) /5019N-1847E/ in July 1947. [redacted] instructed to report to the Regional Induction Commission (Rejonowa Komenda Uzupelnien -- RKU) at Gliwice (Gleiwitz) /5017N-1840E/ within three days. When the inductees reported to the RKU, they were examined by a medical examining board (Komisja Lekarska), consisting of one medical officer (rank unknown) and two or three enlisted medical aides (grades unknown). The medical examination was a cursory check-up of the head, chest, and feet. Blood tests or urinalyses were not given. After the examination the inductees were instructed to return home and await further orders. At [redacted]

[redacted] inductees were not able to choose their branch of service.

- a. When the inductees reported to the RKU for the first time, they were required to fill out a questionnaire, which included the following biographical data:

- (1) First and last name
- (2) Date and place of birth
- (3) Place of residence
- (4) Education
- (5) Political background
- (6) Religious background
- (7) Are parents property owners; where, what type?
- (8) Members of family
- (9) Occupation of parents
- (10) Address and occupation of brothers and sisters

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- (11) Does inductee wish to serve in KBW (Corps of Internal Security) or WOP (Military Border Guard)?
- (12) Where does inductee wish to be stationed?

b. [redacted] second induction notice by mail on 23 September 1947, and [redacted] instructed to report to the RKU within two weeks [redacted] together with 200 other men from the various villages and towns in the vicinity of Gliwice. The men in this group belonged to the class of 1926. Three men were deferred because they were in the third year of high school, and several men were deferred because their parents were elderly people and dependent on them for support. This entire group spent the night at the RKU. On the following day each man was given a total of 100 zloty. They entrained for Lublin /5115N-2200E/ together with about 50 additional inductees. At Lublin the men were divided into various groups and assigned to different units in the 3rd WOP Brigade. Background screening to determine the political reliability of the inductees was conducted after they were assigned to specific units; questions relative to personal and parental background were particularly stressed during the screening period.

2. In September 1947 [redacted] group of inductees filling out questionnaires at the RKU in Gliwice. This group was slated for assignment to the KBW or the WOP. [redacted] only politically reliable men were accepted for service in the KBW and WOP. About 80% of the men selected for the KBW and WOP came from the peasant and labor classes, and they usually had less than a seventh-grade education. The KBW and WOP were referred to as the worker or peasant units. The KBW was responsible for the training of KBW and WOP recruits. About 40% of the recruits were released by the KBW to WOP units. [redacted]

3. [redacted] the majority of inductees called up were members of the 1927 class. An unknown number of the 1928 and 1929 classes were called up. [redacted] following breakdown:

<u>Year Class</u>	<u>Call-Up</u>	<u>Released</u>
1926	1947	1949
1927-1929	1948	1950
1930	1951	Unknown

4. The length of service for privates and NCO's in 1949 for both the KBW and WOP was two years. However, that same year [redacted] rumors that the tour of duty would be extended to 27 months.

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